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HOUSE RESOLUTION 249
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A RESOLUTION to commend Bud Allison for his honorable and
astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving
the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bud Allison, a highly respected member of the Blount County community, is
one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2002, his friends and neighbors have chosem to hold a "Bud
Allison Community Appreciation Lunch" in his honor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Allison has distinguished himself as a public-spirited
citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, he attended St. Mary's School, Catholic High School,
and the University of Tennessee as a young man; and

WHEREAS, he has long been heavily involved in civic activities and organizations for
the betterment of his community, including the Maryville-Alcoa Civitan Club and as a founder of
Airport Civitan; and

WHEREAS, a true leader, he has served as International Director of Region 7 Civitan International; he served with probity as Finance Chairman of International Civitan, in just his second year as a Director; and

WHEREAS, Bud Allison has served in every office on the local level and almost every position in the Appalachian District; his efforts have had a tremendous influence on the regional and worldwide levels; and

WHEREAS, Howard Yarnell, current Judge Advocate and former District Governor, has said of his friend, "Bud has friends all over the world – Japan, Europe, Canada – through Civitan. He and Virginia have been to twenty-five to thirty Civitan conventions all over the world"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allison has also made noteworthy contributions to, and had a considerable impact on, other notable organizations, including the Blount County Rescue Squad, Maryville and Alcoa Police Departments, Blount County Sheriff's Office, Department of Children's Services, Children's Hospital, and Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, of all the organizations Bud has aided, he has most enjoyed and is most proud of his work with the Boy Scouts and Special Olympics; he has given much of his time, talent, and resources to our youth, and they have given him much joy and happiness in return; and

WHEREAS, Bud Allison is a staunch supporter of the mission and programs of the Fraternal Order of Police; following the death of close friend and fellow longtime FOP supporter Jack Huffstetler, who has also served as Blount County Fire Chief, Mr. and Mrs. Allison sold their home so that they might purchase a building from the Huffstetler estate to be donated to the FOP; and

WHEREAS, the Allisons live in an apartment on the upper floor of the building, which they have placed in the name of the FOP and will be donated in its entirety upon their deaths; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Bud Allison attends Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Midway Baptist Church, and Rio Church of God, and is an inspiration to many brothers and sisters in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Harold Robbins, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, paraphrased scripture to sum up the lives of Bud Allison and his beloved wife of thirty-one years, Virginia, saying that they embody the phrase: "The only things you can take with you after you die are the things you give away"; and

WHEREAS, Bud Allison has touched the hearts of many of those around him in his current struggle against cancer with his positive outlook and with the strength of his resolve; his philosophy about the disease is that "the biggest thing with anybody is to keep a good attitude. This helps anytime you've got things bothering you"; and

WHEREAS, Bud Allison epitomizes the stalwart character and noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Allison is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly; he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate citizen, dedicated community servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Blount County and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Bud Allison for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and for his selfless sacrifices on the behalf of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.